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The Honorable James C. Miller, III
Director
Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Mr. Miller:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Director of Central Intelligence on enrolled bill H.R. 4718, the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986.

The Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency have been concerned about the possible impact of computer fraud legislation on foreign intelligence collection operations for the past several years. We informed the intelligence oversight committees and the House and Senate Judiciary Committees of our concerns, and they responded by explicitly exempting lawfully authorized intelligence activities from the scope of the bill.

The inclusion of the intelligence exemption eliminates the concerns the Intelligence Community had with the bill. I therefore can recommend Presidential approval of this legislation.

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

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